

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the present application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A floor-mopping device, comprising:
 - a handle having a longitudinal axis;
 - a supporting body to which the handle is connected, the supporting body being rotatable about the longitudinal axis of the handle;
 - at least one flexible mopping element suspended from the supporting body in pendulum fashion; and
 - means for suppressing canting of the supporting body relative to the handle, wherein the means for suppressing canting of the supporting body relative to the handle includes at least one of a counterstop and a handlestop.
2. (Previously Presented) The floor-mopping device as recited in claim 1, wherein the means for suppressing canting of the supporting body comprise a one of a columnar and conical guideway.
3. (Previously Presented) The floor-mopping device as recited in claim 1, wherein the supporting body and the handle are connected by a swivel joint.
4. (Currently Amended) ~~The floor-mopping device as recited in claim 1, further comprising:~~
 - A floor-mopping device, comprising:
 - a handle having a longitudinal axis;
 - a supporting body to which the handle is connected, the supporting body being rotatable about the longitudinal axis of the handle;
 - at least one flexible mopping element suspended from the supporting body in pendulum fashion; and
 - means for suppressing canting of the supporting body relative to the handle;
 - a counterstop; and

a handlestop, wherein the handle has a turning range that is limited in at least one direction by the handle stop which can be forced into engagement with the counterstop located on the supporting body.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The floor-mopping device as recited in claim 2, further comprising:~~

A floor-mopping device, comprising:

a handle having a longitudinal axis;

a supporting body to which the handle is connected, the supporting body being rotatable about the longitudinal axis of the handle;

at least one flexible mopping element suspended from the supporting body in pendulum fashion; and

means for suppressing canting of the supporting body relative to the handle, wherein the means for suppressing canting of the supporting body comprise a one of a columnar and conical guideway;

a counterstop; and

a handlestop, wherein the handle has a turning range that is limited in at least one direction by the handle stop which can be forced into engagement with the counterstop located on the supporting body.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The floor-mopping device as recited in claim 3, further comprising:~~

A floor-mopping device, comprising:

a handle having a longitudinal axis;

a supporting body to which the handle is connected, the supporting body being rotatable about the longitudinal axis of the handle;

at least one flexible mopping element suspended from the supporting body in pendulum fashion; and

means for suppressing canting of the supporting body relative to the handle, wherein the means for suppressing canting of the supporting body comprise a one of a columnar and conical guideway, wherein the supporting body and the handle are connected by a swivel joint;

a counterstop; and

a handlestop, wherein the handle has a turning range that is limited in at least one direction by the handle stop which can be forced into engagement with the counterstop located on the supporting body.

7. (Previously Presented) The floor-mopping device as recited in claim 6, wherein at least one of the stop and the counterstop are adjustable in the circumferential direction.

8. (Previously Presented) The floor-mopping device as recited in claim 7, wherein at least one of the stop and the counterstop are disengageable.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The floor-mopping device as recited in claim 3, further comprising:~~

A floor-mopping device, comprising:

a handle having a longitudinal axis;

a supporting body to which the handle is connected, the supporting body being rotatable about the longitudinal axis of the handle;

at least one flexible mopping element suspended from the supporting body in pendulum fashion; and

means for suppressing canting of the supporting body relative to the handle wherein the means for suppressing canting of the supporting body comprise a one of a columnar and conical guideway, wherein the supporting body and the handle are connected by a swivel joint; and

a journal, wherein the swivel joint comprises a sleeve, affixed to one of the handle and the supporting body, which surrounds one of the journal of the supporting body and the handle.

10. (Previously Presented) The floor-mopping device as recited in 6, further comprising:

a journal, wherein the swivel joint comprises a sleeve, affixed to one of the handle and the supporting body, which surrounds one of the journal of the supporting body and the handle.

11. (Original) The floor-mopping device as recited in claim 10, wherein the journal is hollow.

12. (Withdrawn) The floor-mopping device as recited in claim 10, wherein the handle can be brought closer to the supporting body against the force of a spring, wherein such movement permits the actuation of a releasable anti-rotation element arranged between the sleeve and the journal.

13. (Withdrawn) The floor-mopping device as recited in claim 11, wherein the handle can be brought closer to the supporting body against the force of a spring, wherein such movement permits the actuation of a releasable anti-rotation element arranged between the sleeve and the journal.

14. (Previously Presented) A floor-mopping device, comprising:

a handle having a longitudinal axis;

a supporting body to which the handle is connected, the supporting body being rotatable about the longitudinal axis of the handle;

at least one flexible mopping element suspended from the supporting body in pendulum fashion; and

an arrangement for suppressing canting of the supporting body relative to the handle wherein the supporting body and the handle are connected by a swivel joint and the swivel joint forms a component of the handle, and is detachably secured to the supporting body.

15. (Original) The floor-mopping device as recited in claim 10, wherein the swivel joint forms a component of the supporting body, and is detachably secured to the handle.

16. (Withdrawn) The floor-mopping device as recited in claim 3, wherein the swivel joint comprises two relatively twistable components which are secured to the supporting body and to the handle, and which are separable from each other.

17. (Withdrawn) The floor-mopping device as recited in claim 3, wherein the swivel joint is contained in an adapter which is releasably connectible both to the supporting body and to the handle.

18. (Canceled)